

OFFICE OF HOUSING
2013 WORK PROGRAM
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MISSION: The Seattle Office of Housing builds strong and healthy communities and increases opportunities for people of all income levels to live in our City.

WORK ACTIVITY HIGHLIGHTS:

Priority #1: Investing in production and preservation of affordable rental housing	
A. <i>Funding for affordable rental housing</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Estimated \$20m in 2013: 300-350 units
Priority #2: Investing in housing linked with supportive services for people who are homeless or have special needs	
A. <i>Funding for supportive housing projects</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • About 60-70% Rental \$\$ above will create units for homeless
B. <i>OH supportive housing portfolio—ensuring sustainability of existing units</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Homeless Focus: Chronic long term shelter residents; vets, families; utilization of existing inventory (4,000 homeless units)
Priority #3: Provide energy efficiency services to low-income renters and homeowners	
A. <i>Grants for low-income homeowners and owners of apartment buildings</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Estimated \$5.5m in 2013: 750 units • Expanding partnerships with Commerce, OSE, City Light
Priority #4: Increasing homeownership opportunities for first-time buyers and assisting low-income homeowners	
A. <i>Homebuyer assistance</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Estimated \$2m in 2013: 45-55 first-time homebuyers
B. <i>Assistance for low-income homeowners facing foreclosure</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Data Tracking • Homestead Community Land Trust initiative
C. <i>Assistance for low-income homeowners</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Estimated \$500,000 in 2013: 25-35 homeowners; SLI response in June regarding future Program funding
Priority #5: Strategic Planning / Program Development—emphasize support for neighborhood revitalization and place-based community development	
A. <i>Incentive Programs:</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MFTE; Incentive Zoning
B. <i>Special Projects:</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HUD Challenge Grant—Southeast Seattle focus; equitable development • Public property: Ft Lawton; Sand Point Building 9 • Criminal background checks; other barriers to subsidized housing